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## AN ACT CONCERNING THE CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROCESS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Section 19a-630 of the 2010 supplement to the general
- 2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
- 3 (Effective October 1, 2010):
- 4 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:
- 5 [(1) "Health care facility or institution" means any facility or
- 6 institution engaged primarily in providing services for the prevention,
- 7 diagnosis or treatment of human health conditions, including, but not
- 8 limited to: Outpatient clinics; outpatient surgical facilities; imaging
- 9 centers; home health agencies and mobile field hospitals, as defined in
- 10 section 19a-490; clinical laboratory or central service facilities serving
- 11 one or more health care facilities, practitioners or institutions;
- 12 hospitals; nursing homes; rest homes; nonprofit health centers;
- 13 diagnostic and treatment facilities; rehabilitation facilities; and mental
- 14 health facilities. "Health care facility or institution" includes any parent
- 15 company, subsidiary, affiliate or joint venture, or any combination
- 16 thereof, of any such facility or institution, but does not include any
- 17 health care facility operated by a nonprofit educational institution
- 18 solely for the students, faculty and staff of such institution and their
- 19 dependents, or any Christian Science sanatorium operated, or listed
- 20 and certified, by the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston,

- 21 Massachusetts.
- 22 (2) "State health care facility or institution" means a hospital or other
- 23 such facility or institution operated by the state providing services
- 24 which are eligible for reimbursement under Title XVIII or XIX of the
- 25 federal Social Security Act, 42 USC Section 301 et seq., as amended.
- 26 (3) "Office" means the Office of Health Care Access division of the
- 27 Department of Public Health.
- 28 (4) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Public Health.
- 29 (5) "Person" has the meaning assigned to it in section 4-166.]
- 30 (1) "Affiliate" means a person, entity or organization controlling,
- 31 <u>controlled by or under common control with another person, entity or</u>
- 32 organization. Affiliate does not include a medical foundation
- 33 <u>organized under chapter 594b.</u>
- 34 (2) "Applicant" means any person or health care facility that applies
- 35 for a certificate of need pursuant to section 19a-639a, as amended by
- 36 this act.
- 37 (3) "Bed capacity" means the total number of inpatient beds in a
- 38 <u>facility licensed by the Department of Public Health under sections</u>
- 39 19a-490 to 19a-503, inclusive, as amended by this act.
- 40 (4) "Capital expenditure" means an expenditure that under
- 41 generally accepted accounting principles consistently applied is not
- 42 properly chargeable as an expense of operation or maintenance and
- 43 <u>includes acquisition by purchase, transfer, lease or comparable</u>
- 44 arrangement, or through donation, if the expenditure would have been
- 45 considered a capital expenditure had the acquisition been by purchase.
- 46 (5) "Certificate of need" means a certificate issued by the office.
- 47 (6) "Days" means calendar days.
- 48 (7) "Deputy commissioner" means the deputy commissioner of

- 49 Public Health who oversees the Office of Health Care Access division
- 50 <u>of the Department of Public Health.</u>
- 51 (8) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Public Health.
- 52 (9) "Free clinic" means a private, nonprofit community-based
- organization that provides medical, dental, pharmaceutical or mental
- 54 health services at reduced cost or no cost to low-income, uninsured
- 55 and underinsured individuals.
- 56 (10) "Health care facility" means (A) hospitals licensed by the
- 57 Department of Public Health under chapter 368v; (B) specialty
- 58 hospitals; (C) freestanding emergency departments; (D) outpatient
- 59 surgical facilities, as defined in section 19a-493b, as amended by this
- act, and licensed under chapter 368v; (E) a hospital or other facility or
- 61 <u>institution operated by the state that provides services that are eligible</u>
- 62 for reimbursement under Title XVIII or XIX of the federal Social
- 63 Security Act, 42 USC 301, as amended; and (F) and any other facility
- 64 requiring certificate of need review pursuant to subsection (a) of
- section 19a-638, as amended by this act. "Health care facility" includes
- any parent company, subsidiary, affiliate or joint venture, or any
- 67 combination thereof, of any such facility.
- 68 (11) "Nonhospital based" means located at a site other than the main
- 69 <u>campus of the hospital.</u>
- 70 (12) "Office" means the Office of Health Care Access division within
- 71 the Department of Public Health.
- 72 (13) "Person" means any individual, partnership, corporation,
- 73 limited liability company, association, governmental subdivision,
- 74 agency or public or private organization of any character, but does not
- 75 include the agency conducting the proceeding.
- 76 (14) "Transfer of ownership" means a transfer that impacts or
- 77 <u>changes the governance or controlling body of a health care facility or</u>
- 78 institution, including, but not limited to, all affiliations, mergers or any

- 79 sale or transfer of net assets of a health care facility.
- Sec. 2. Section 19a-630a of the 2010 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):
- 83 [As used in sections 19a-638 to 19-639c, inclusive, "affiliate" means a 84 person, entity or organization controlling, controlled by or under common control with another person, entity or organization. In 85 86 addition to other means of being controlled, a person] For purposes of 87 this chapter, an affiliate is deemed controlled by another person if the 88 other person, or one of that other person's affiliates, officers or 89 management employees, acting in such capacity, acts as a general 90 partner of a general or limited partnership or manager of a limited 91 liability company. ["Affiliate" does not include a medical foundation 92 organized under sections 33-182aa to 33-182ff, inclusive.]
- 93 Sec. 3. Section 19a-634 of the 2010 supplement to the general statutes 94 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):
  - (a) The Office of Health Care Access shall conduct, on an annual basis, a state-wide health care facility utilization study. Such study shall include, but not be limited to, an assessment of: (1) Current availability and utilization of acute hospital care, hospital emergency care, specialty hospital care, outpatient surgical care, primary care and clinic care; (2) geographic areas and subpopulations that may be underserved or have reduced access to specific types of health care services; and (3) other factors that the office deems pertinent to health care facility utilization. Not later than June thirtieth of each year, the Commissioner of Public Health shall report, in accordance with section 11-4a, to the Governor and the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health and human services on the findings of the study. Such report may also include the office's recommendations for addressing identified gaps in the provision of health care services and

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111 recommendations concerning a lack of access to health care services.

(b) The office, in consultation with such other state agencies as the Commissioner of Public Health deems appropriate, shall establish and maintain a state-wide health care facilities and services plan. Such plan may include, but not be limited to: (1) An assessment of the availability of acute hospital care, hospital emergency care, specialty hospital care, outpatient surgical care, primary care, and clinic care; (2) an evaluation of the unmet needs of persons at risk and vulnerable populations as determined by the commissioner; (3) a projection of future demand for health care services and the impact that technology may have on the demand, capacity or need for such services; and (4) recommendations for the expansion, reduction or modification of health care facilities or services. In the development of the plan, the office shall consider the recommendations of any advisory bodies which may be established by the commissioner. The commissioner may also incorporate the recommendations of authoritative organizations whose mission is to promote policies based on best practices or evidence-based research. The commissioner, in consultation with hospital representatives, shall develop a process that encourages hospitals to incorporate the statewide health care facilities and services plan into hospital long-range planning and shall facilitate communication between appropriate state agencies concerning innovations or changes that may affect future health planning. The office shall update the state-wide health care facilities and services plan on or before July 1, 2012, and every five years thereafter. [Said plan shall be considered part of the state health plan for purposes of office deliberations pursuant to section 19a-637.]

(c) For purposes of conducting the state-wide health care facility utilization study and preparing the state-wide health care facilities and services plan, the office shall establish and maintain an inventory of all health care facilities, providers and services in the state, including health care facilities or providers that are exempt from certificate of need requirements under subsection (b) of section 19a-638, as amended by this act. The office shall develop an inventory questionnaire containing uniform reporting requirements that shall be completed

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- biennially by health care facilities and providers. When completing the
- inventory questionnaire, health care facilities and providers shall not
- be required to provide patient specific data but instead shall provide
- 148 <u>aggregate patient data.</u>
- Sec. 4. Section 19a-637 of the 2010 supplement to the general statutes
- is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 151 *October* 1, 2010):
- 152 [(a) In any of its deliberations involving a proposal, request or 153 submission regarding (1) services provided by a health care facility or 154 institution under section 19a-638; (2) capital expenditures by a health care facility under section 19a-639; and (3) the acquisition of equipment 155 156 by a person, provider, health care facility or institution under section 157 19a-639, the office shall take into consideration and make written 158 findings concerning each of the following principles and guidelines: 159 The relationship of the proposal, request or submission to the state 160 health plan pursuant to section 19a-7; the relationship of the proposal, 161 request or submission to the applicant's long-range plan; the financial 162 feasibility of the proposal, request or submission and its impact on the 163 applicant's rates and financial condition; the impact of such proposal, 164 request or submission on the interests of consumers of health care 165 services and the payers for such services; the contribution of such 166 proposal, request or submission to the quality, accessibility and cost-167 effectiveness of health care delivery in the region; whether there is a 168 clear public need for any proposal or request; whether the health care 169 facility or institution is competent to provide efficient and adequate 170 service to the public in that such health care facility or institution is 171 technically, financially and managerially expert and efficient; that rates be sufficient to allow the health care facility or institution to cover its 172 173 reasonable capital and operating costs; the relationship of any 174 proposed change to the applicant's current utilization statistics; the 175 teaching and research responsibilities of the applicant; the special 176 characteristics of the patient-physician mix of the applicant; the 177 voluntary efforts of the applicant in improving productivity and 178 containing costs; and any other factors which the office deems

- relevant, including, in the case of a facility or institution as defined in subsection (c) of section 19a-490, such factors as, but not limited to, the business interests of all owners, partners, associates, incorporators, directors, sponsors, stockholders and operators and the personal backgrounds of such persons. Whenever the granting, modification or denial of a request is inconsistent with the state health plan, a written explanation of the reasons for the inconsistency shall be included in the decision.
  - (b) Any data submitted to or obtained or compiled by the office with respect to its deliberations under sections 19a-637 to 19a-639e, inclusive, with respect to nursing homes, licensed under chapter 368v, shall be made available to the Department of Public Health.
  - (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, the office shall not direct or control the use of the following resources of any hospital: The principal and all income from restricted and unrestricted grants, gifts, contributions, bequests and endowments.]
  - The office shall promote effective health planning in the state. In carrying out its assigned duties, the office shall promote the provision of quality health care in a manner that ensures access for all state residents to cost-effective services so as to avoid duplication of health services and improve the availability and financial stability of health care services throughout the state.
- Sec. 5. Section 19a-638 of the 2010 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):
  - [(a) Except as provided in sections 19a-487a and 19a-639a to 19a-639c, inclusive:
    - (1) Each health care facility or institution, that intends to (A) transfer its ownership or control, (B) change the governing powers of the board of a parent company or an affiliate, whatever its designation, or (C) change or transfer the powers or control of a governing or controlling

- body of an affiliate, shall submit to the office, prior to the proposed date of such transfer, or change, a request for permission to undertake such transfer or change. For purposes of this section and section 19a-639b, "transfer its ownership or control" means a transfer that impacts or changes the governance or controlling body of a health care facility or institution, including, but not limited to, all affiliations, mergers or any sale or transfer of net assets of a health care facility or institution.
  - (2) Each health care facility or institution or state health care facility or institution, including any inpatient rehabilitation facility, which intends to introduce any additional function or service into its program of health care shall submit to the office, prior to the proposed date of the institution of such function or service, a request for permission to undertake such function or service.
  - (3) Each health care facility or institution or state health care facility or institution which intends to terminate a health service offered by such facility or institution or reduce substantially its total bed capacity, shall submit to the office, prior to the proposed date of such termination or decrease, a request to undertake such termination or decrease.
  - (4) Except as provided in sections 19a-639a to 19a-639c, inclusive, each applicant, prior to submitting a certificate of need application under this section or section 19a-639, or under both sections, shall submit a request, in writing, for application forms and instructions to the office. The request shall be known as a letter of intent. A letter of intent shall include: (A) The name of the applicant or applicants; (B) a statement indicating whether the application is for (i) a new, replacement or additional facility, service or function, (ii) the expansion or relocation of an existing facility, service or function, (iii) a transfer of its ownership or control, (iv) a termination of a service or a reduction in total bed capacity and the bed type, (v) any new or additional beds and their type, (vi) a capital expenditure over three million dollars, (vii) the purchase, lease or donation acceptance of major medical equipment costing over three million dollars, (viii) a CT

scanner, PET scanner, PET/CT scanner or MRI scanner, a linear accelerator or other similar equipment utilizing technology that is new or being introduced into the state, or (ix) any combination thereof; (C) the estimated capital cost, value or expenditure; (D) the town where the project is or will be located; and (E) a brief description of the proposed project. The office shall provide public notice of any complete letter of intent submitted under this section or section 19a-639, or both, by publication in a newspaper having a substantial circulation in the area served or to be served by the applicant. Such notice shall be submitted for publication not later than twenty-one days after the date the office determines that a letter of intent is complete. No certificate of need application will be considered submitted to the office unless a current letter of intent, specific to the proposal and in compliance with this subsection, has been on file with the office for not less than sixty days. A current letter of intent is a letter of intent that has been on file at the office up to and including one hundred twenty days, except that an applicant may request a onetime extension of a letter of intent of up to an additional thirty days for a maximum total of up to one hundred fifty days if, prior to the expiration of the current letter of intent, the office receives a written request to so extend the letter of intent's current status. The extension request shall fully explain why an extension is requested. The office shall accept or reject the extension request not later than seven days from the date the office receives such request and shall so notify the applicant.

(b) The office shall make such review of a request made pursuant to subdivision (1), (2) or (3) of subsection (a) of this section as it deems necessary. In the case of a health care facility or institution that intends to transfer its ownership or control, the review shall include, but not be limited to, the financial responsibility and business interests of the transferee and the ability of the institution to continue to provide needed services or, in the case of the introduction of a new or additional function or service expansion or the termination of a service or function, ascertaining the availability of such service or function at

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other inpatient rehabilitation facilities, health care facilities or institutions or state health care facilities or institutions or other providers within the area to be served, the need for such service or function within such area and any other factors which the office deems relevant to a determination of whether the facility or institution is justified in introducing or terminating such functions or services into or from its program. The office shall grant, modify or deny such request no later than ninety days after the date of receipt of a complete application, except as provided for in this section. Upon the request of the applicant, the review period may be extended for an additional fifteen days if the office has requested additional information subsequent to the commencement of the review period. The commissioner, or the commissioner's designee, may extend the review period for a maximum of thirty days if the applicant has not filed in a timely manner information deemed necessary by the office. Failure of the office to act on such request within such review period shall be deemed approval thereof. The ninety-day review period, pursuant to this subsection, for an application filed by a hospital, as defined in section 19a-490, and licensed as a short-term acute-care general hospital or children's hospital by the Department of Public Health or an affiliate of such a hospital or any combination thereof, shall not apply if, in the certificate of need application or request, the hospital or applicant projects either (1) that, for the first three years of operation taken together, the total impact of the proposal on the operating budget of the hospital or an affiliate of such a hospital or any combination thereof will exceed one per cent of the actual operating expenses of the hospital for the most recently completed fiscal year as filed with or determined by the office, or (2) that the total capital expenditure for the project will exceed fifteen million dollars. If the office determines that an application is not subject to the ninety-day review period pursuant to this subsection, it shall remain so excluded for the entire review period of that application, even if the application or circumstances change and the application no longer meets the stated terms of the exclusion. Upon a showing by such facility or institution that the need for such function or service or termination or transfer of

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- its ownership or control is of an emergency nature, in that the function, service or termination or transfer of its ownership or control is necessary to maintain continued access to the health care services provided by the facility or institution, or to comply with requirements of any federal, state or local health, fire, building or life safety code, the commissioner, or the commissioner's designee, may waive the letter of intent requirement, provided such request shall be submitted not less than fourteen days before the proposed date of institution of the function, service or termination or transfer of its ownership or control.
  - (c) (1) The office may hold a public hearing with respect to any complete certificate of need application submitted under this section. At least two weeks' notice of such public hearing shall be given to the applicant, in writing, and to the public by publication in a newspaper having a substantial circulation in the area served by the facility, institution or provider. At the discretion of the office, such hearing may be held in Hartford or in the area so served or to be served. In conducting its activities under this section, section 19a-639, or under both sections, the office may hold hearings on applications of a similar nature at the same time.
  - (2) The office may hold a public hearing after consideration of criteria that include, but need not be limited to, whether the proposal involves: (A) The provision of a new or additional health care function or service through the use of technology that is new or being introduced into the state; (B) the provision of a new or additional health care function or service that is not provided in either a region designated by the applicant or in the applicant's existing primary service area as defined by the office; or (C) the termination of an existing health care function or service, the reduction of total beds or the closing of a health care facility.
  - (3) The office shall hold a public hearing with respect to any complete certificate of need application submitted to the office under this section if (A) three individuals or an individual representing an entity with five or more people submit a request, in writing, that a

345 346	public hearing be held on the proposal after the office has published notice of a complete letter of intent, and (B) such request is received by
347	the office not later than twenty-one days after the date that the office
348	deems the certificate of need application complete.]
349	(a) A certificate of need issued by the office shall be required for:
350	(1) The establishment of a new health care facility;
351	(2) A transfer of ownership of a health care facility;
352	(3) The establishment of a free-standing emergency department;
353	(4) The establishment, expansion or termination by a short-term
354	acute care general hospital or children's hospital of inpatient and
355	outpatient behavioral health services, primary care clinics or specialty
356	clinics;
357	(5) The termination of an emergency department by a short-term
358	acute care general hospital;
359	(6) The establishment of an outpatient surgical facility, as defined in
360	section 19a-493b, as amended by this act;
361	(7) An increase in the number of operating rooms in an outpatient
362	surgical facility, as defined in section 19a-493b, as amended by this act;
363	(8) The establishment of cardiac services, including inpatient and
364	outpatient cardiac catheterization, interventional cardiology and
365	cardiovascular surgery;
366	(9) The acquisition of imaging equipment, including computed
367	tomography scanners, magnetic resonance imaging scanners, positron
368	emission tomography scanners and positron emission tomography-
369	computed tomography scanners, by any person, physician, provider,
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371	(10) The acquisition of nonhospital based linear accelerators;

(11) An increase in the licensed bed capacity of a health care facility;
<u>and</u>
(12) The acquisition of equipment utilizing technology that has not
previously been utilized in the state.
(b) A certificate of need shall not be required for:
(1) Health care facilities owned and operated by the federal
government;
(2) The establishment of offices by a licensed private practitioner,
whether for individual or group practice, except when a certificate of
need is required in accordance with the requirements of section 19a-
493b, as amended by this act, or subdivision (9) of subsection (a) of this
section;
(3) A health care facility operated by a religious group that
exclusively relies upon spiritual means through prayer for healing;
(4) Residential care homes, nursing homes and rest homes, as
defined in subsection (c) of section 19a-490;
(5) An assisted living services agency, as defined in section 19a-490;
(6) Home health agencies, as defined in section 19a-490;
(7) Hospice services, as described in section 19a-122b;
(8) Outpatient rehabilitation facilities;
(9) Outpatient chronic dialysis services;
(10) Transplant services;
(11) Free clinics, as defined in section 19a-630, as amended by this
act;
(12) School-based health centers, community health centers, as
defined in section 19a-490a, and federally qualified health centers;

398	(13) Mental health and substance abuse providers not attiliated with
399	a health care facility;
400	(14) A health care facility operated by a nonprofit educational
401	institution exclusively for students, faculty and staff of such institution
402	and their dependents;
403	(15) An outpatient clinic or program operated exclusively by or
404	contracted to be operated exclusively by a municipality, municipal
405	agency, municipal board of education or a health district, as described
406	in section 19a-241;
407	(16) Replacement of existing imaging equipment, irrespective of
408	whether such equipment was acquired through certificate of need
409	approval or a certificate of need determination, provided a health care
410	facility, provider, physician or person notifies the office of the date on
411	which the equipment is replaced and the disposition of the replaced
412	equipment;
413	(17) Acquisition of cone-beam dental imaging equipment that is to
414	be used exclusively by a dentist licensed pursuant to chapter 379;
415	(18) The termination of inpatient or outpatient services offered by a
416	hospital, except as provided in subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of this
417	section and section 19a-639e, as amended by this act;
418	(19) The partial or total elimination of services provided by an
419	outpatient surgical facility, as defined in section 19a-493b, as amended
420	by this act, except as provided in section 19a-639e, as amended by this
421	act; or
422	(20) The termination of services for which the Department of Public
423	Health has requested the facility to relinquish its license.
424	(c) If a person, health care facility or institution (1) proposes to
425	relocate a facility, or (2) is unsure whether a certificate of need is
426	required under this section, such person, health care facility or
427	institution shall send a letter to the office that describes the project and

- 428 requests that the office make a determination as to whether a certificate
- of need is required. In the case of a relocation, the letter shall include
- 430 information described in section 19a-639c, as amended by this act. A
- 431 person, health care facility or institution making such request shall
- 432 provide the office with any information the office requests as part of its
- 433 <u>determination process.</u>
- Sec. 6. Section 19a-639 of the 2010 supplement to the general statutes
- is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 436 *October* 1, 2010):
- 437 [(a) Except as provided in sections 19a-639a to 19a-639c, inclusive, 438 each health care facility or institution, including, but not limited to, 439 any inpatient rehabilitation facility, any health care facility or 440 institution or any state health care facility or institution proposing (1) a 441 capital expenditure exceeding three million dollars, (2) to purchase, 442 lease or accept donation of major medical equipment requiring a 443 capital expenditure, as defined in regulations adopted pursuant to 444 section 19a-643, in excess of three million dollars, or (3) to purchase, 445 lease or accept donation of a CT scanner, PET scanner, PET/CT 446 scanner or MRI scanner, a linear accelerator or other similar equipment 447 utilizing technology that is new or being introduced into this state, 448 including the purchase, lease or donation of equipment or a facility, 449 shall submit a request for approval of such expenditure to the office, 450 with such data, information and plans as the office requires in advance 451 of the proposed initiation date of such project.
  - (b) (1) The commissioner, or the commissioner's designee, shall notify the Commissioner of Social Services of any certificate of need request that may impact expenditures under the state medical assistance program. The office shall consider such request in relation to the community or regional need for such capital program or purchase of land, the possible effect on the operating costs of the health care facility or institution and such other relevant factors as the office deems necessary. In approving or modifying such request, the commissioner, or the commissioner's designee, may not prescribe any

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condition, such as but not limited to, any condition or limitation on the indebtedness of the facility or institution in connection with a bond issue, the principal amount of any bond issue or any other details or particulars related to the financing of such capital expenditure, not directly related to the scope of such capital program and within control of the facility or institution.

(2) An applicant, prior to submitting a certificate of need application, shall submit a request, in writing, for application forms and instructions to the office. The request shall be known as a letter of intent. A letter of intent shall conform to the letter of intent requirements of subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of section 19a-638. No certificate of need application will be considered submitted to the office unless a current letter of intent, specific to the proposal and in compliance with this subsection, is on file with the office for not less than sixty days. A current letter of intent is a letter of intent that has been on file at the office no more than one hundred twenty days, except that an applicant may request a one-time extension of a letter of intent of not more than an additional thirty days for a maximum total of not more than one hundred fifty days if, prior to the expiration of the current letter of intent, the office receives a written request to so extend the letter of intent's current status. The extension request shall fully explain why an extension is requested. The office shall accept or reject the extension request not later than seven days from the date the office receives the extension request and shall so notify the applicant. Upon a showing by such facility or institution that the need for such capital program is of an emergency nature, in that the capital expenditure is necessary to maintain continued access to the health care services provided by the facility or institution, or to comply with any federal, state or local health, fire, building or life safety code, the commissioner, or the commissioner's designee, may waive the letter of intent requirement, provided such request shall be submitted not less than fourteen days before the proposed initiation date of the project. The commissioner, or the commissioner's designee, shall grant, modify or deny such request not later than ninety days or not later than

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fourteen days, as the case may be, after receipt of such request, except as provided for in this section. Upon the request of the applicant, the review period may be extended for an additional fifteen days if the office has requested additional information subsequent to the commencement of the review period. The commissioner, or the commissioner's designee, may extend the review period for a maximum of thirty days if the applicant has not filed, in a timely manner, information deemed necessary by the office. Failure of the office to act upon such request within such review period shall be deemed approval of such request. The ninety-day review period, pursuant to this section, for an application filed by a hospital, as defined in section 19a-490, and licensed as a short-term acute care general hospital or a children's hospital by the Department of Public Health or an affiliate of such a hospital or any combination thereof, shall not apply if, in the certificate of need application or request, the hospital or applicant projects either (A) that, for the first three years of operation taken together, the total impact of the proposal on the operating budget of the hospital or an affiliate or any combination thereof will exceed one per cent of the actual operating expenses of the hospital for the most recently completed fiscal year as filed with the office, or (B) that the total capital expenditure for the project will exceed fifteen million dollars. If the office determines that an application is not subject to the ninety-day review period pursuant to this subsection, it shall remain so excluded for the entire period of that application, even if the application or circumstances change and the application no longer meets the stated terms of the exclusion. The Department of Public Health shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to establish an expedited hearing process to be used to review requests by any facility or institution for approval of a capital expenditure to establish an energy conservation program or to comply with requirements of any federal, state or local health, fire, building or life safety code or final court order. The Department of Public Health shall adopt regulations in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 to provide for the waiver of a hearing for any part of a request by a facility or institution for a capital expenditure, provided such facility

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(3) The office shall comply with the public notice provisions of subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of section 19a-638, and shall hold a public hearing with respect to any complete certificate of need application filed under this section, if: (A) The proposal has associated total capital expenditures or total capital costs that exceed twenty million dollars for land, building or nonclinical equipment acquisition, new building construction or building renovation; (B) the proposal has associated total capital expenditures per unit or total capital costs per unit that exceed three million dollars for the purchase, lease or donation acceptance of major medical equipment; (C) the proposal is for the purchase, lease or donation acceptance of equipment utilizing technology that is new or being introduced into the state, including scanning equipment, a linear accelerator or other similar equipment; or (D) three individuals or an individual representing an entity comprised of five or more people submit a request, in writing, that a public hearing be held on the proposal and such request is received by the office not later than twenty-one days after the office deems the certificate of need application complete. At least two weeks' notice of such public hearing shall be given to the applicant, in writing, and to the public by publication in a newspaper having a substantial circulation in the area served by the applicant. At the discretion of the office, such hearing shall be held in Hartford or in the area so served or to be served.

(c) Each person or provider, other than a health care or state health care facility or institution subject to subsection (a) of this section, proposing to purchase, lease, accept donation of or replace (1) major medical equipment with a capital expenditure in excess of three million dollars, or (2) a CT scanner, PET scanner, PET/CT scanner or MRI scanner, a linear accelerator or other similar equipment utilizing technology that is new or being introduced into the state, shall submit a request for approval of any such purchase, lease, donation or replacement pursuant to the provisions of subsection (a) of this section. In determining the capital cost or expenditure for an application under

this section or section 19a-638, the office shall use the greater of (A) the fair market value of the equipment as if it were to be used for full-time operation, whether or not the equipment is to be used, shared or rented on a part-time basis, or (B) the total value or estimated value determined by the office of any capitalized lease computed for a three-year period. Each method shall include the costs of any service or financing agreements plus any other cost components or items the office specifies in regulations, adopted in accordance with chapter 54, or deems appropriate.

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 19a-638 or subsection (a) of this section, no community health center, as defined in section 19a-490a, shall be subject to the provisions of said section 19a-638 or subsection (a) of this section if the community health center is: (1) Proposing a capital expenditure not exceeding three million dollars; (2) exclusively providing primary care or dental services; and (3) either (A) financing one-third or more of the cost of the proposed project with moneys provided by the state of Connecticut, (B) receiving funds from the Department of Public Health for the proposed project, or (C) locating the proposed project in an area designated by the federal Health Resources and Services Administration as a health professional shortage area, a medically underserved area or an area with a medically underserved population. Each community health center seeking an exemption under this subsection shall provide the office with documentation verifying to the satisfaction of the office, qualification for this exemption. Each community health center proposing to provide any service other than a primary care or dental service at any location, including a designated community health center location, shall first obtain a certificate of need for such additional service in accordance with this section and section 19a-638. Each satellite, subsidiary or affiliate of a federally qualified health center, in order to qualify under this exemption, shall: (i) Be part of a federally qualified health center that meets the requirements of this subsection; (ii) exclusively provide primary care or dental services; and (iii) be located in a health professional shortage area or a medically

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- 598 underserved area. If the subsidiary, satellite or affiliate does not so 599 qualify, it shall obtain a certificate of need.
- 600 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 19a-638, subsection (a) 601 of section 19a-639a or subsection (a) of this section, no school-based 602 health care center shall be subject to the provisions of section 19a-638 or subsection (a) of this section if the center: (1) Is or will be licensed by 603 604 the Department of Public Health as an outpatient clinic; (2) proposes 605 capital expenditures not exceeding three million dollars and does not 606 exceed such amount; (3) once operational, continues to operate and 607 provide services in accordance with the department's licensing 608 standards for comprehensive school-based health centers; and (4) is or 609 will be located entirely on the property of a functioning school.
  - (f) In conducting its activities under this section or section 19a-638, or under both sections, the office may hold hearings on applications of a similar nature at the same time.]
- (a) The office shall review all certificate of need applications utilizing the criteria prescribed in this section. In making such determinations, the office shall take into consideration and make written findings concerning:
- 617 (1) Whether the proposed project is consistent with any applicable 618 policies and standards adopted in regulations by the office or in the 619 state-wide health care facilities and services plan;
- 620 (2) Whether there is a clear community need for the health care 621 facility or services proposed by the applicant;
- 622 (3) Whether the applicant has satisfactorily demonstrated how the 623 proposal will add to the financial strength of the health care system in 624 the state;
- (4) Whether the applicant has satisfactorily demonstrated how the
  proposal will improve quality and safety, including, but not limited to,
  infrastructure development such as entity collaboration, information

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- 628 <u>technology interoperability and benefits reimbursement structure;</u>
- 629 (5) The applicant's past and proposed provision of health care services to Medicaid patients and the medically indigent;
- (6) Whether the applicant has satisfactorily identified the population
- 632 <u>to be served by the proposed project and satisfactorily demonstrated</u>
- 633 that the identified population has a need for the proposed services;
- 634 (7) The utilization of existing health care facilities and health care services in the service area of the applicant; and
- 636 (8) Whether the applicant has satisfactorily demonstrated that the proposed project shall not result in an unnecessary duplication of existing or approved health care services or facilities.
- (b) The office, as it deems necessary, may revise or supplement through regulation or in the state-wide health care facilities and services plan the certificate of need review criteria prescribed in subsection (a) of this section.
- Sec. 7. Section 19a-639a of the 2010 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):
- 646 I(a) Except as provided in subsection (c) of section 19a-639, or as 647 required in subsection (b) of this section, the provisions of section 19a-638 and subsection (a) of section 19a-639 shall not apply to: (1) An 648 649 outpatient clinic or program operated exclusively by, or contracted to 650 be operated exclusively for, a municipality or municipal agency, a 651 health district, as defined in section 19a-240, or a board of education; 652 (2) a residential facility for the mentally retarded licensed pursuant to 653 section 17a-227 and certified to participate in the Title XIX Medicaid 654 program as an intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded; (3) 655 an outpatient rehabilitation service agency that was in operation on January 1, 1998, that is operated exclusively on an outpatient basis and 656 657 that is eligible to receive reimbursement under section 17b-243; (4) a

clinical laboratory; (5) an assisted living services agency; (6) an outpatient service offering chronic dialysis; (7) a program of ambulatory services established and conducted by a health maintenance organization; (8) a home health agency; (9) a clinic operated by the AmeriCares Foundation; (10) a nursing home; (11) a rest home; or (12) a program licensed or funded by the Department of Children and Families, provided such program is not a psychiatric residential treatment facility, as defined in 42 CFR 483.352. The exemptions provided in this section shall not apply when a nursing home or rest home is, or will be created, acquired, operated or in any other way related to or affiliated with, or under the complete or partial ownership or control of a facility or institution or affiliate subject to the provisions of section 19a-638 or subsection (a) of section 19a-639.

- (b) Each health care facility or institution exempted under this section shall register with the office by filing the information required by subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of section 19a-638 for a letter of intent at least fourteen days but not more than sixty calendar days prior to commencing operations and prior to changing, expanding, terminating or relocating any facility or service otherwise covered by section 19a-638 or subsection (a) of section 19a-639, or covered by both sections or subsections, except that, if the facility or institution is in operation on June 5, 1998, said information shall be filed not more than sixty days after said date. Not later than fourteen days after the date that the office receives a completed filing required under this subsection, the office shall provide the health care facility or institution with written acknowledgment of receipt. Such acknowledgment shall constitute permission to operate or change, expand, terminate or relocate such a facility or institution or to make an expenditure consistent with an authorization received under subsection (a) of section 19a-639 until the next September thirtieth. Each entity exempted under this section shall renew its exemption by filing current information once every two years in September.
- (c) Each health care facility, institution or provider that proposes to purchase, lease or accept donation of a CT scanner, PET scanner,

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- 692 PET/CT scanner or MRI scanner or a linear accelerator shall be exempt 693 from certificate of need review pursuant to sections 19a-638 and 19a-694 639 if such facility, institution or provider (1) provides to the office satisfactory evidence that it purchased or leased such equipment for 695 696 under four hundred thousand dollars on or before July 1, 2005, and 697 such equipment was in operation on or before July 1, 2006, or (2) 698 obtained, on or before July 1, 2005, from the office, a certificate of need 699 or a determination that a certificate of need was not required for the 700 purchase, lease or donation acceptance of such equipment.
  - (d) The Office of Health Care Access shall, in its discretion, exempt from certificate of need review pursuant to sections 19a-638 and 19a-639 any health care facility or institution that proposes to purchase or operate an electronic medical records system on or after October 1, 2005.
  - (e) Each health care facility or institution that proposes a capital expenditure for parking lots and garages, information and communications systems, physician and administrative office space, acquisition of land for nonclinical purposes, and acquisition and replacement of nonmedical equipment, including, but not limited to, boilers, chillers, heating ventilation and air conditioning systems, shall be exempt for such capital expenditure from certificate of need review under subsection (a) of section 19a-639, provided (1) the health care facility or institution submits information to the office regarding the type of capital expenditure, the reason for the capital expenditure, the total cost of the project and any other information which the office deems necessary; and (2) the total capital expenditure does not exceed twenty million dollars. Approval of a health care facility's or institution's proposal for acquisition of land for nonclinical purposes shall not exempt such facility or institution from compliance with any of the certificate of need requirements prescribed in this chapter if such facility or institution subsequently seeks to develop the land that was acquired for nonclinical purposes.
  - (f) Each short-term acute care general or children's hospital, chronic

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disease hospital or hospital for the mentally ill that on July 1, 2009, is providing outpatient services, including, but not limited to, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, cardiac rehabilitation, occupational injury management, occupational disease management and company contracted services that thereafter proposes to provide such services at an alternative location within the primary services area of the health care facility or institution, shall be exempt from the certificate of need requirements prescribed in subsection (a) of section 19a-638 as relates to any such proposal to provide such services at an alternative location, provided the short-term acute care general or children's hospital, chronic disease hospital or hospital for the mentally ill submits information to the office concerning the type of outpatient services such hospital proposes to provide at the alternative location, the location where such services will be provided and the reasons for the proposal to provide such services at an alternative location.]

(a) An application for a certificate of need shall be filed with the office in accordance with the provisions of this section and any regulations adopted by the office. The application shall address the criteria set forth in (1) subsection (a) of section 19a-639, as amended by this act, (2) regulations adopted by the office, and (3) the state-wide health care facilities and services plan. The applicant shall include with the application a nonrefundable application fee of five hundred dollars.

(b) Not later than twenty days prior to the date that the applicant submits the certificate of need application to the office, the applicant shall publish notice that an application is to be submitted to the office in a newspaper having a substantial circulation in the area where the project is to be located. Such notice shall be published for not less than three consecutive days and shall contain a brief description of the nature of the project and the street address where the project is to be located. The office shall not accept the applicant's certificate of need application for filing unless the application is accompanied by the application fee prescribed in subsection (a) of this section and proof of compliance with the publication requirements prescribed in this

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- (c) Not later than five business days after receipt of a properly filed certificate of need application, the office shall publish notice of the application on its web site and with the office of the Secretary of the State. Not later than thirty days after the date of filing of the application, the office may request such additional information as the office determines necessary to complete the application. The applicant shall, not later than sixty days after the date of the office's request, submit the requested information to the office. If an applicant fails to submit the requested information to the office within the sixty-day period, the office shall consider the application to have been withdrawn.
- (d) Upon determining that an application is complete, the office shall provide notice of this determination to the applicant and to the public in accordance with regulations adopted by the office. In addition, the office shall post such notice on its web site. The date on which the office posts such notice on its web site shall begin the review period. Except as provided in this subsection, (1) the review period for a completed application shall be ninety days from the date on which the office posts such notice on its web site; and (2) the office shall issue a decision on a completed application prior to the expiration of the ninety-day review period. Upon request or for good cause shown, the office may extend the review period for a period of time not to exceed sixty days. If the review period is extended, the office shall issue a decision on the completed application prior to the expiration of the extended review period. If the office holds a public hearing concerning a completed application in accordance with subsection (e) of this section, the office shall issue a decision on the completed application not later than sixty days after the date of the public hearing.
- (e) The office shall hold a public hearing on a properly filed and completed certificate of need application if three or more individuals or an individual representing an entity with five or more people submits a request, in writing, that a public hearing be held on the

- application. Any request for a public hearing shall be made to the office not later than thirty days after the date the office determines the application to be complete.
- Sec. 8. Section 19a-639b of the 2010 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):
- [(a) The Commissioner of Public Health or the commissioner's designee may grant an exemption from the requirements of section 19a-638 or subsection (a) of section 19a-639, or both, for any nonprofit facility, institution or provider that is currently under contract with a state agency or department and is seeking to engage in any activity, other than the termination of a service or a facility, otherwise subject to said section or subsection if:
  - (1) The nonprofit facility, institution or provider is proposing a capital expenditure of not more than three million dollars and the expenditure does not in fact exceed three million dollars;
  - (2) The activity meets a specific service need identified by a state agency or department with which the nonprofit facility, institution or provider is currently under contract;
    - (3) The commissioner, executive director, chairman or chief court administrator of the state agency or department that has identified the specific need confirms, in writing, to the office that (A) the agency or department has identified a specific need with a detailed description of that need and that the agency or department believes that the need continues to exist, (B) the activity in question meets all or part of the identified need and specifies how much of that need the proposal meets, (C) in the case where the activity is the relocation of services, the agency or department has determined that the needs of the area previously served will continue to be met in a better or satisfactory manner and specifies how that is to be done, (D) in the case where a facility or institution seeks to transfer its ownership or control, that the agency or department has investigated the proposed change and the

- person or entity requesting the change and has determined that the change would be in the best interests of the state and the patients or clients, and (E) the activity will be cost-effective and well managed; and
  - (4) In the case where the activity is the relocation of services, the Commissioner of Public Health or the commissioner's designee determines that the needs of the area previously served will continue to be met in a better or satisfactory manner.
    - (b) The Commissioner of Public Health or the commissioner's designee may grant an exemption from the requirements of section 19a-638 or subsection (a) of section 19a-639, or both, for any nonprofit facility, institution or provider that is currently under contract with a state agency or department and is seeking to terminate a service or a facility, provided (1) the commissioner, executive director, chairperson or chief court administrator of the state agency or department with which the nonprofit facility, institution or provider is currently under contract confirms, in writing, to the office that the needs of the area previously served will continue to be met in a better or satisfactory manner and specifies how that is to be done, and (2) the commissioner or the commissioner's designee determines that the needs of the area previously served will continue to be met in a better or satisfactory manner.
    - (c) A nonprofit facility, institution or provider seeking an exemption under this section shall provide the office with any information it needs to determine exemption eligibility. An exemption granted under this section shall be limited to part or all of any services, equipment, expenditures or location directly related to the need or location that the state agency or department has identified.
    - (d) The office may revoke or modify the scope of the exemption at any time following a public review that allows the state agency or department and the nonprofit facility, institution or provider to address specific, identified, changed conditions or any problems that

the state agency, department or the office has identified. A party to any exemption modification or revocation proceeding and the original requesting agency shall be given at least fourteen calendar days written notice prior to any action by the office and shall be furnished with a copy, if any, of a revocation or modification request or a statement by the office of the problems that have been brought to its attention. If the requesting commissioner, executive director, chairman or chief court administrator or the Commissioner of Public Health certifies that an emergency condition exists, only forty-eight hours written notice shall be required for such modification or revocation action to proceed.

- (e) A nonprofit facility, institution or provider that is a psychiatric residential treatment facility, as defined in 42 CFR 483.352, shall not be eligible for any exemption provided for in this section, irrespective of whether or not such facility is under contract with a state agency or department.]
- (a) A certificate of need shall be valid only for the project described in the application. A certificate of need shall be valid for two years from the date of issuance by the office. During the period of time that such certificate is valid and the thirty-day period following the expiration of the certificate, the holder of the certificate shall provide the office with such information as the office may request on the development of the project covered by the certificate.
- (b) Upon request from a certificate holder, the office may extend the duration of a certificate of need for such additional period of time as the office determines is reasonably necessary to expeditiously complete the project. Not later than five business days after receiving a request to extend the duration of a certificate of need, the office shall post such request on its web site. Any person who wishes to comment on extending the duration of the certificate of need shall provide written comments to the office on the requested extension not later than thirty days after the date the office posts notice of the request for an extension of time on its web site. The office shall hold a public

- 889 hearing on any request to extend the duration of a certificate of need if
- 890 three or more individuals or an individual representing an entity with
- 891 five or more people submits a request, in writing, that a public hearing
- be held on the request to extend the duration of a certificate of need.
- (c) In the event that the office determines that: (1) Commencement,
- 894 construction or other preparation has not been substantially
- 895 <u>undertaken during a valid certificate of need period; or (2) the</u>
- 896 certificate holder has not made a good-faith effort to complete the
- 897 project as approved, the office may withdraw, revoke or rescind the
- 898 certificate of need.
- (d) A certificate of need shall not be transferable or assignable nor
- 900 shall a project be transferred from a certificate holder to another
- 901 person.
- 902 Sec. 9. Section 19a-639c of the 2010 supplement to the general
- 903 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
- 904 (*Effective October 1, 2010*):
- 905 [Notwithstanding the provisions of section 19a-638 or section 19a-
- 906 639, the office may waive the requirements of said sections and grant a
- 907 certificate of need to any health care facility or institution or provider
- 908 or any state health care facility or institution or provider proposing to
- 909 replace major medical equipment, a CT scanner, PET scanner, PET/CT
- 910 scanner or MRI scanner or a linear accelerator if:
- 911 (1) The health care facility or institution or provider has previously
- obtained a certificate of need for the equipment to be replaced; or
- 913 (2) The health care facility or institution or provider had previously
- obtained a determination pursuant to subsection (c) of section 19a-639a
- 915 that a certificate of need was not required for the original acquisition of
- 916 the equipment; and
- 917 (3) The replacement value or expenditure is less than three million
- 918 dollars.]

Any health care facility that proposes to relocate a facility shall submit a letter to the office, as described in subsection (c) of section 19a-638, as amended by this act. In addition to the requirements prescribed in said subsection (c), in such letter the health care facility shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the office that the population served by the health care facility and the payer mix will not change as a result of the facility's proposed relocation. If the facility is unable to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the office that the population served and the payer mix will not change as a result of the proposed relocation, the health care facility shall apply for certificate of need approval pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 19a-638, as amended by this act, in order to effectuate the proposed relocation.

Sec. 10. Section 19a-639e of the 2010 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):

Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 19a-486 to 19a-486h, inclusive, section 19a-638, 19a-639 or any other provision of this chapter, the office may refuse to accept as filed or submitted a letter of intent or a certificate of need application from any person or health care facility or institution that failed to submit any required data or information, or has filed any required data or information that is incomplete or not filed in a timely fashion. Prior to any refusal and accompanying moratorium under the provisions of this section, the Commissioner of Public Health shall notify the person or health care facility or institution, in writing, and such notice shall identify the data or information that was not received and the data or information that is incomplete in any respect. Such person or health care facility or institution shall have twenty-one days from the date of mailing the notice to provide the commissioner with the required data or information. Such refusal and related moratorium on accepting a letter of intent or a certificate of need application may remain in effect, at the discretion of the commissioner, until the office determines that all required data or information has been submitted. The commissioner

- shall have twenty-one days to notify the person or health care facility or institution submitting the data and information whether or not the letter of intent or certificate of need application is refused. Nothing in this section shall preclude or limit the office from taking any other action authorized by law concerning late, incomplete or inaccurate data submission in addition to such a refusal and accompanying moratorium.]
- 960 (a) Any health care facility that proposes to terminate a service that 961 was authorized pursuant to a certificate of need issued under this chapter shall file a modification request with the office not later than 962 963 sixty days prior to the proposed date of the termination of the service. 964 The office may request additional information from the health care 965 facility as necessary to process the modification request. In addition, 966 the office shall hold a public hearing on any request from a health care 967 facility to terminate a service pursuant to this section if three or more 968 individuals or an individual representing an entity with five or more 969 people submits a request, in writing, that a public hearing be held on the health care facility's proposal to terminate a service. 970
  - (b) Any health care facility that proposes to terminate all services offered by such facility, that were authorized pursuant to one or more certificates of need issued under this chapter, shall provide notification to the office not later than sixty days prior to the termination of services and such facility shall surrender its certificate of need not later than thirty days prior to the termination of services.
- 977 (c) Any health care facility that proposes to terminate the operation 978 of a facility or service for which a certificate of need was not obtained 979 shall notify the office not later than sixty days prior to terminating the 980 operation of the facility or service.
- 981 Sec. 11. Section 19a-653 of the 2010 supplement to the general 982 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof 983 (*Effective October 1, 2010*):
- 984 [(a) (1) Any person or health care facility or institution that owns,

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operates or is seeking to acquire major medical equipment costing over three million dollars, or scanning equipment, a linear accelerator or other similar equipment utilizing technology that is developed or introduced into the state on or after October 1, 2005, or any person or health care facility or institution that is required to file data or information under any public or special act or under this chapter or sections 19a-486 to 19a-486h, inclusive, or any regulation adopted or order issued under this chapter or said sections, which fails to so file within prescribed time periods, shall be subject to a civil penalty of up to one thousand dollars a day for each day such information is missing, incomplete or inaccurate. Any civil penalty authorized by this section shall be imposed by the Department of Public Health in accordance with subsections (b) to (e), inclusive, of this section.

- (2) If a person or health care facility or institution is unsure whether a certificate of need is required under section 19a-638 or section 19a-639, or under both sections, it shall send a letter to the office describing the project and requesting that the office make such a determination. A person making a request for a determination as to whether a certificate of need, waiver or exemption is required shall provide the office with any information the office requests as part of its determination process.
- (b) If the Department of Public Health has reason to believe that a violation has occurred for which a civil penalty is authorized by subsection (a) of this section, it shall notify the person or health care facility or institution by first-class mail or personal service. The notice shall include: (1) A reference to the sections of the statute or regulation involved; (2) a short and plain statement of the matters asserted or charged; (3) a statement of the amount of the civil penalty or penalties to be imposed; (4) the initial date of the imposition of the penalty; and (5) a statement of the party's right to a hearing.
- (c) The person or health care facility or institution to whom the notice is addressed shall have fifteen business days from the date of mailing of the notice to make written application to the office to request (1) a hearing to contest the imposition of the penalty, or (2) an

- 1018 extension of time to file the required data. A failure to make a timely 1019 request for a hearing or an extension of time to file the required data or 1020 a denial of a request for an extension of time shall result in a final order 1021 for the imposition of the penalty. All hearings under this section shall 1022 be conducted pursuant to sections 4-176e to 4-184, inclusive. The 1023 Department of Public Health may grant an extension of time for filing 1024 the required data or mitigate or waive the penalty upon such terms 1025 and conditions as, in its discretion, it deems proper or necessary upon 1026 consideration of any extenuating factors or circumstances.
  - (d) A final order of the Department of Public Health assessing a civil penalty shall be subject to appeal as set forth in section 4-183 after a hearing before the office pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, except that any such appeal shall be taken to the superior court for the judicial district of New Britain. Such final order shall not be subject to appeal under any other provision of the general statutes. No challenge to any such final order shall be allowed as to any issue which could have been raised by an appeal of an earlier order, denial or other final decision by the Department of Public Health.
  - (e) If any person or health care facility or institution fails to pay any civil penalty under this section, after the assessment of such penalty has become final the amount of such penalty may be deducted from payments to such person or health care facility or institution from the Medicaid account.]
- (a) The Department of Public Health, upon recommendation from the office, may suspend or revoke the license of any person, provider or health care facility or assess a civil penalty against such person, provider or health care facility for:
- 1045 (1) Any violation of this chapter or any regulation adopted 1046 thereunder, including, but not limited to, failure to obtain a certificate 1047 of need in accordance with subsection (a) of section 19a-638, as 1048 amended by this act;
- 1049 (2) Failure by a certificate holder to comply with any conditions

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- (3) Failure by a certificate holder to file financial information, data or any other information requested by the office pursuant to this chapter or any regulation adopted under this chapter.
- 1054 (b) In the event that the department intends to suspend or revoke 1055 the license of any person, provider or health care facility or assess a 1056 civil penalty against such person, provider or health care facility for 1057 any of the reasons prescribed in subsection (a) of this section, the 1058 department shall provide prior notice to the person, provider or health 1059 care facility of its intended action by first class mail or personal service. 1060 Such notice shall: (1) Set forth the particular reasons for the intended 1061 action; and (2) inform the person, provider or health care facility that 1062 failure to make a timely request for a hearing, as prescribed in this 1063 subsection, shall result in the department entering a final order on its intended action. Any person, provider or health care facility aggrieved 1064 1065 by the intended action of the department shall, not later than thirty 1066 days after receipt of the notice, request a hearing to contest the 1067 department's intended action. All hearings under this section shall be conducted pursuant to sections 4-176e to 4-184, inclusive. The 1068 1069 department may affirm, modify or set aside a proposed suspension or 1070 revocation of licensure or the imposition of any civil penalty following 1071 the hearing.
  - (c) A final order of the department suspending or revoking a license or assessing a civil penalty shall be subject to appeal as set forth in section 4-183 after a hearing before the department pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, except that any such appeal shall be taken to the superior court for the judicial district of New Britain. Such final order shall not be subject to appeal under any other provision of the general statutes. No challenge to any such final order shall be allowed as to any issue which could have been raised by an appeal of an earlier order, denial or other final decision by the department.
    - (d) Any civil penalty assessed pursuant to this section shall not be

- less than one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars for each violation. Each violation shall be a separate and distinct offense, and in the case of a continuing violation, each day of continuance thereof shall be deemed a separate and distinct offense.
  - (e) Failure to pay any civil penalty assessed pursuant to this section shall be grounds for suspension or revocation of a license. In addition, the office shall not issue a certificate of need to any person, provider or health care facility until payment of a civil penalty assessed against such person, provider or health care facility has been made.
- Sec. 12. Subsection (a) of section 4-67x of the 2010 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):
- 1094 (a) There shall be a Child Poverty and Prevention Council consisting 1095 of the following members or their designees: The Secretary of the 1096 Office of Policy and Management, the president pro tempore of the 1097 Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives, the minority leader of the Senate and the minority leader of the House of 1098 1099 Representatives, the Commissioners of Children and Families, Social 1100 Services, Correction, Developmental Services, Mental Health and 1101 Addiction Services, Transportation, Public Health, Education [,] and 1102 Economic and Community Development, [and Health Care Access,] the Labor Commissioner, the Chief Court Administrator, the 1103 1104 chairperson of the Board of Governors of Higher Education, the Child 1105 Advocate, the chairperson of the Children's Trust Fund Council and 1106 the executive directors of the Commission on Children and the 1107 Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities. The Secretary of the 1108 Office of Policy and Management, or the secretary's designee, shall be 1109 the chairperson of the council. The council shall (1) develop and 1110 promote the implementation of a ten-year plan, to begin June 8, 2004, 1111 to reduce the number of children living in poverty in the state by fifty 1112 per cent, and (2) within available appropriations, establish prevention 1113 goals and recommendations and measure prevention service outcomes 1114 in accordance with this section in order to promote the health and

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- 1115 well-being of children and families.
- Sec. 13. Subdivisions (4) and (5) of section 12-263a of the general
- statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
- 1118 (*Effective October 1, 2010*):
- 1119 (4) "Uncompensated care" means the cost of care that is written off
- as a bad debt or provided free under a free care policy that has been
- 1121 approved by the Office of Health Care Access division of the
- 1122 Department of Public Health;
- 1123 (5) "Other allowances" means any financial requirements, as
- 1124 authorized by the Office of Health Care Access division of the
- 1125 <u>Department of Public Health</u>, of a hospital resulting from
- circumstances including, but not limited to, an insurance settlement of
- a liability case or satisfaction of a lien or encumbrance, any difference
- between charges for employee self-insurance and related expenses. For
- 1129 fiscal years commencing on and after October 1, 1994, "other
- allowances" means the amount of any difference between charges for
- employee self-insurance and related expenses determined using the
- hospital's overall relationship of costs to charges as determined by the
- 1133 Office of Health Care Access division of the Department of Public
- 1134 Health;
- 1135 Sec. 14. Subdivision (11) of subsection (b) of section 17a-22j of the
- general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
- 1137 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):
- 1138 (11) Seven nonvoting ex-officio members, one each appointed by the
- 1139 Commissioners of Social Services, Children and Families, Public
- 1140 <u>Health,</u> Mental Health and Addiction Services and Education to
- 1141 represent his or her department and one appointed by the State
- 1142 Comptroller [,] and the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
- 1143 Management [and the Office of Health Care Access] to represent said
- 1144 offices:
- Sec. 15. Section 17a-678 of the general statutes is repealed and the

following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):

1147 Notwithstanding the provisions of [sections 19a-638 and 19a-639] 1148 section 19a-638, as amended by this act, (1) a community agency 1149 operating a program in a state institution or facility, (2) a nonprofit 1150 community agency operating a program, identified as closing a service 1151 delivery system gap in the state-wide service delivery plan, in a state 1152 institution or facility, and receiving funds from the Department of 1153 Mental Health and Addiction Services, or (3) a nonprofit substance 1154 abuse treatment facility, identified as closing a service delivery system 1155 gap in the state-wide service delivery plan and receiving funds from 1156 the department, shall not be required to obtain a certificate of need 1157 from the Office of Health Care Access division of the Department of 1158 Public Health.

Sec. 16. Section 17b-234 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):

The Department of Social Services shall notify the Newington Children's Hospital of each referral for whom said department can apply for federal matching grants. Newington Children's Hospital shall charge the Department of Social Services for said eligible referrals only and shall retain all such payments received from the department. Such payments by the state shall be in lieu of all other payments to said hospital by the state or any town in this state except payments by the Department of Social Services as provided in this section, the State Board of Education or the Department of Public Health. Such payments shall not prevent payments to said hospital from private sources for the care and support of any child in said hospital or for the balance of such operating expense. The Office of Health Care Access division of the Department of Public Health, in establishing rates to be charged by the Newington Children's Hospital, shall not include the grant made to said hospital pursuant to this section. In order to be eligible for the grant authorized by this section, the Newington Children's Hospital shall cooperate with The University of Connecticut Health Center in order to provide consolidated and coordinated

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- 1179 pediatric services.
- Sec. 17. Section 17b-240 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):
- Notwithstanding the provisions of section 17b-239, the rate to be
- paid by the state to a hospital receiving appropriations granted by the
- General Assembly shall be established annually by the Office of Health
- 1185 Care Access division of the Department of Public Health pursuant to
- the provisions of chapter 368z, provided said office receives a waiver
- of Medicare principles of reimbursement from the Department of
- Health and Human Services pursuant to Section 222 of Public Law 92-
- 1189 603. This section shall be effective only for such period as said waiver
- 1190 remains in effect.
- 1191 Sec. 18. Subsection (g) of section 17b-352 of the general statutes is
- 1192 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 1193 October 1, 2010):
- 1194 (g) The Commissioner of Social Services shall adopt regulations, in
- accordance with chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this
- 1196 section. The commissioner shall implement the standards and
- 1197 procedures of the Office of Health Care Access division of the
- 1198 <u>Department of Public Health</u> concerning certificates of need
- established pursuant to section 19a-643, as amended by this act, as
- 1200 appropriate for the purposes of this section, until the time final
- regulations are adopted in accordance with said chapter 54.
- Sec. 19. Subsection (a) of section 17b-353 of the 2010 supplement to
- the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
- 1204 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):
- 1205 (a) Any facility, as defined in subsection (a) of section 17b-352,
- 1206 which proposes (1) a capital expenditure exceeding one million
- dollars, which increases facility square footage by more than five
- thousand square feet or five per cent of the existing square footage,
- 1209 whichever is greater, (2) a capital expenditure exceeding two million

- 1210 dollars, or (3) the acquisition of major medical equipment requiring a 1211 capital expenditure in excess of four hundred thousand dollars, 1212 including the leasing of equipment or space, shall submit a request for 1213 approval of such expenditure, with such information as the 1214 department requires, to the Department of Social Services. Any such 1215 facility which proposes to acquire imaging equipment requiring a 1216 capital expenditure in excess of four hundred thousand dollars, 1217 including the leasing of such equipment, shall obtain the approval of 1218 the Office of Health Care Access division of the Department of Public 1219 Health in accordance with [section 19a-639] the provisions of chapter 1220 368z, subsequent to obtaining the approval of the Commissioner of 1221 Social Services. Prior to the facility's obtaining the imaging equipment, 1222 the Commissioner of Public Health, after consultation with the 1223 Commissioner of Social Services, may elect to perform a joint or 1224 simultaneous review with the Department of Social Services.
- Sec. 20. Subsection (e) of section 17b-353 of the 2010 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):
- 1228 (e) The Commissioner of Social Services shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this 1229 1230 section. The commissioner shall implement the standards and 1231 procedures of the Office of Health Care Access division of the 1232 Department of Public Health concerning certificates of need 1233 established pursuant to section 19a-643, as amended by this act, as 1234 appropriate for the purposes of this section, until the time final 1235 regulations are adopted in accordance with said chapter 54.
- Sec. 21. Subsection (j) of section 17b-354 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective* 1238 October 1, 2010):
- 1239 (j) The Commissioner of Social Services shall adopt regulations, in 1240 accordance with chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this 1241 section. The commissioner shall implement the standards and

- 1242 procedures of the Office of Health Care Access division of the
- 1243 Department of Public Health concerning certificates of need
- 1244 established pursuant to section 19a-643, as amended by this act, as
- 1245 appropriate for the purposes of this section, until the time final
- regulations are adopted in accordance with said chapter 54.
- Sec. 22. Section 17b-356 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):
- 1249 Any health care facility or institution, as defined in subsection (a) of
- section 19a-490, except a nursing home, rest home, residential care
- home or residential facility for the mentally retarded licensed pursuant
- 1252 to section 17a-227 and certified to participate in the Title XIX Medicaid
- 1253 program as an intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded,
- 1254 proposing to expand its services by adding nursing home beds shall
- 1255 obtain the approval of the Commissioner of Social Services in
- accordance with the procedures established pursuant to sections 17b-
- 352, as amended by this act, 17b-353, as amended by this act, and 17b-
- 1258 354, as amended by this act, for a facility, as defined in section 17b-352,
- as amended by this act, prior to obtaining the approval of the Office of
- 1260 Health Care Access division of the Department of Public Health
- pursuant to section [19a-638 or] 19a-639, [or both] as amended by this
- 1262 act.
- Sec. 23. Subsection (b) of section 19a-7 of the general statutes is
- repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 1265 October 1, 2010):
- (b) For the purposes of establishing a state health plan as required
- by subsection (a) of this section and consistent with state and federal
- law on patient records, the department is entitled to access hospital
- discharge data, emergency room and ambulatory surgery encounter
- data, data on home health care agency client encounters and services,
- data from community health centers on client encounters and services
- and all data collected or compiled by the Office of Health Care Access
- division of the Department of Public Health pursuant to section 19a-

- 1274 613.
- Sec. 24. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 19a-493b of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):
- 1278 (b) No entity, individual, firm, partnership, corporation, limited 1279 liability company or association, other than a hospital, shall 1280 individually or jointly establish or operate an outpatient surgical 1281 facility in this state without complying with chapter 368z, except as 1282 otherwise provided by this section, and obtaining a license within the 1283 time specified in this subsection from the Department of Public Health 1284 for such facility pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, unless such 1285 entity, individual, firm, partnership, corporation, limited liability 1286 company or association: (1) Provides to the Office of Health Care 1287 Access division of the Department of Public Health satisfactory 1288 evidence that it was in operation on or before July 1, 2003, or (2) 1289 obtained, on or before July 1, 2003, from the Office of Health Care 1290 Access, a determination that a certificate of need is not required. An 1291 entity, individual, firm, partnership, corporation, limited liability 1292 company or association otherwise in compliance with this section may 1293 operate an outpatient surgical facility without a license through March 1294 30, 2007, and shall have until March 30, 2007, to obtain a license from 1295 the Department of Public Health.
  - (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, no outpatient surgical facility shall be required to comply with section 19a-631, 19a-632, [19a-637a,] 19a-644, as amended by this act, 19a-645, as amended by this act, 19a-646, 19a-649, 19a-654 to 19a-660, inclusive, as amended by this act, 19a-662, 19a-664 to 19a-666, inclusive, 19a-669 to 19a-670a, inclusive, as amended by this act, 19a-671, 19a-671a, 19a-672 to 19a-676, inclusive, 19a-678, or 19a-681 to 19a-683, inclusive, as amended by this act. Each outpatient surgical facility shall continue to be subject to the obligations and requirements applicable to such facility, including, but not limited to, any applicable provision of this chapter and those provisions of chapter 368z not specified in this subsection, except that

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1307 a request for permission to undertake a transfer or change of 1308 ownership or control shall not be required pursuant to subsection (a) 1309 of section 19a-638, as amended by this act, if the Office of Health Care 1310 Access division of the Department of Public Health determines that the 1311 following conditions are satisfied: (1) Prior to any such transfer or 1312 change of ownership or control, the outpatient surgical facility shall be 1313 owned and controlled exclusively by persons licensed pursuant to 1314 section 20-13, either directly or through a limited liability company, 1315 formed pursuant to chapter 613, a corporation, formed pursuant to 1316 chapters 601 and 602, or a limited liability partnership, formed 1317 pursuant to chapter 614, that is exclusively owned by persons licensed 1318 pursuant to section 20-13, or is under the interim control of an estate 1319 executor or conservator pending transfer of an ownership interest or 1320 control to a person licensed under section 20-13, and (2) after any such 1321 transfer or change of ownership or control, persons licensed pursuant 1322 to section 20-13, a limited liability company, formed pursuant to 1323 chapter 613, a corporation, formed pursuant to chapters 601 and 602, or a limited liability partnership, formed pursuant to chapter 614, that 1324 1325 is exclusively owned by persons licensed pursuant to section 20-13, 1326 shall own and control no less than a sixty per cent interest in the 1327 outpatient surgical facility.

- Sec. 25. Subsection (a) of section 19a-499 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective* 1330 October 1, 2010):
- (a) Information received by the Department of Public Health through filed reports, inspection or as otherwise authorized under this chapter, shall not be disclosed publicly in such manner as to identify any patient of an institution, except in a proceeding involving the question of licensure. [or in any proceeding before the Office of Health Care Access involving such institution.]
- Sec. 26. Subsection (c) of section 19a-509b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective* 1339 October 1, 2010):

- (c) Each hospital that holds or administers one or more hospital bed funds shall make available in a place and manner allowing individual members of the public to easily obtain it, a one-page summary in English and Spanish describing hospital bed funds and how to apply for them. The summary shall also describe any other policies regarding the provision of charity care and reduced cost services for the indigent as reported by the hospital to the Office of Health Care Access division of the Department of Public Health pursuant to section 19a-649 and shall clearly distinguish hospital bed funds from other sources of financial assistance. The summary shall include notification that the patient is entitled to reapply upon rejection, and that additional funds may become available on an annual basis. The summary shall be available in the patient admissions office, emergency room, social services department and patient accounts or billing office, and from any collection agent. If during the admission process or during its review of the financial resources of the patient, the hospital reasonably believes the patient will have limited funds to pay for any portion of the patient's hospitalization not covered by insurance, the hospital shall provide the summary to each such patient.
- Sec. 27. Section 4-101a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):
  - (a) The Office of Policy and Management [,] may provide grants, technical assistance or consultation services, or any combination thereof, to one or more nongovernmental acute care general hospitals as permitted by this section. Such grants, technical assistance or consultation services shall be consistent with applicable federal disproportionate share regulations, as from time to time amended.
  - (b) Grants, technical assistance or consultation services, or any combination thereof, provided under this section may be made to assist a nongovernmental acute care general hospital to develop and implement a plan to achieve financial stability and assure the delivery of appropriate health care services in the service area of such hospital, or to assist a nongovernmental acute care general hospital in

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1373 determining strategies, goals and plans to ensure its financial viability 1374 or stability. Any such hospital seeking such grants, technical assistance 1375 or consultation services shall prepare and submit to the Office of Policy 1376 and Management and the Office of Health Care Access division of the 1377 Department of Public Health a plan that includes at least the following: 1378 (1) A statement of the hospital's current projections of its finances for 1379 the current and the next three fiscal years; (2) identification of the 1380 major financial issues which effect the financial stability of the hospital; 1381 (3) the steps proposed to study or improve the financial status of the 1382 hospital and eliminate ongoing operating losses; (4) plans to study or 1383 change the mix of services provided by the hospital, which may 1384 include transition to an alternative licensure category; and (5) other 1385 related elements as determined by the Office of Policy and 1386 Management. Such plan shall clearly identify the amount, value or 1387 type of the grant, technical assistance or consultation services, or 1388 combination thereof, requested. Any grants, technical assistance or 1389 consultation services, or any combination thereof, provided under this 1390 section shall be determined by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and 1391 Management not to jeopardize the federal matching payments under 1392 the medical assistance program and the emergency assistance to 1393 families program as determined by the Office of Health Care Access 1394 division of the Department of Public Health or the Department of 1395 Social Services in consultation with the Office of Policy and 1396 Management.

- (c) There is established a nonlapsing account, from which grants, purchases of services of any type or reimbursement of state costs for services deemed necessary by the Office of Policy and Management to assist one or more nongovernmental acute care general hospitals under this section shall be made.
- (d) The submission of a proposed plan by the hospital under subsection (b) of this section may be considered [a letter of intent] <u>an application</u> for the purposes of any certificate of need which may be required to change the hospital's service offering.

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(e) Upon review and approval of the probable significant benefit of a hospital's submitted plan, the Office of Policy and Management may recommend that a grant be awarded and issue such grant, or contract with one or more consultants to provide technical or other assistance or consultation services, or may provide any combination of such grant and assistance that the office deems necessary or advisable.

Sec. 28. Section 19a-645 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):

A nonprofit hospital, licensed by the Department of Public Health, which provides lodging, care and treatment to members of the public, and which wishes to enlarge its public facilities by adding contiguous land and buildings thereon, if any, the title to which it cannot otherwise acquire, may prefer a complaint for the right to take such land to the superior court for the judicial district in which such land is located, provided such hospital shall have received the approval of the Office of Health Care Access [under section 19a-639] division of the Department of Public Health in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. Said court shall appoint a committee of three disinterested persons, who, after examining the premises and hearing the parties, shall report to the court as to the necessity and propriety of such enlargement and as to the quantity, boundaries and value of the land and buildings thereon, if any, which they deem proper to be taken for such purpose and the damages resulting from such taking. If such committee reports that such enlargement is necessary and proper and the court accepts such report, the decision of said court thereon shall have the effect of a judgment and execution may be issued thereon accordingly, in favor of the person to whom damages may be assessed, for the amount thereof; and, on payment thereof, the title to the land and buildings thereon, if any, for such purpose shall be vested in the complainant, but such land and buildings thereon, if any, shall not be taken until such damages are paid to such owner or deposited with said court, for such owner's use, within thirty days after such report is accepted. If such application is denied, the owner of the land shall recover costs of the applicant, to be taxed by said court, which may

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issue execution therefor. Land so taken shall be held by such hospital and used only for the public purpose stated in its complaint to the superior court. No land dedicated or otherwise reserved as open space or park land or for other recreational purposes and no land belonging to any town, city or borough shall be taken under the provisions of this section.

- Sec. 29. Section 19a-654 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):
- 1448 The Office of Health Care Access division of the Department of 1449 Public Health shall require short-term acute care general or children's 1450 hospitals to submit such data, including discharge data, as it deems 1451 necessary to fulfill the responsibilities of the office. Such data shall 1452 include data taken from medical record abstracts and hospital bills. 1453 The timing and format of such submission shall be specified by the 1454 office. The data may be submitted through a contractual arrangement 1455 with an intermediary. If the data is submitted through an 1456 intermediary, the hospital shall ensure that such submission is timely 1457 and that the data is accurate. The office may conduct an audit of the 1458 data submitted to such intermediary in order to verify its accuracy. 1459 Individual patient and physician data identified by proper name or 1460 personal identification code submitted pursuant to this section shall be 1461 kept confidential, but aggregate reports from which individual patient 1462 and physician data cannot be identified shall be available to the public.
  - Sec. 30. Subsection (c) of section 38a-553 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):
    - (c) Plans providing minimum standard benefits need not provide benefits for the following: (1) Any charge for any care for any injury or disease either (A) arising out of and in the course of an employment subject to a workers' compensation or similar law or where such benefit is required to be provided under a workers' compensation policy to a sole proprietor, business partner or corporation officer who

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elects such coverage pursuant to the provisions of chapter 568, or (B) to the extent benefits are payable without regard to fault under a coverage statutorily required to be contained in any motor vehicle or other liability insurance policy or equivalent self-insurance; (2) any charge for treatment for cosmetic purposes other than surgery for the prompt repair of an accidental injury sustained while covered, provided cosmetic shall not mean replacement of any anatomic structure removed during treatment of tumors; (3) any charge for travel, other than transportation by local professional ambulance to the nearest health care institution qualified to treat the illness or injury; (4) any charge for private room accommodations to the extent it is in excess of the institution's most common charge for a semiprivate room; (5) any charge by health care institutions to the extent that it is determined by the carrier that the charge exceeds the rates approved by the Office of Health Care Access division of the Department of Public Health; (6) any charge for services or articles to the extent that it exceeds the reasonable charge in the locality for the service; (7) any charge for services or articles which are determined not to be medically necessary, except that this shall not apply to the fabrication or placement of the prosthesis as specified in subdivision (11) of subsection (a) of this section and subdivision (2) of this subsection; (8) any charge for services or articles the provisions of which is not within the scope of the license or certificate of the institution or individual rendering such services or articles; (9) any charge for services or articles furnished, paid for or reimbursed directly by or under any law of a government, except as otherwise provided [herein] in this subsection; (10) any charge for services or articles for custodial care or designed primarily to assist an individual in meeting his activities of daily living; (11) any charge for services which would not have been made if no insurance existed or for which the covered individual is not legally obligated to pay; (12) any charge for eyeglasses, contact lenses or hearing aids or the fitting thereof; (13) any charge for dental care not specifically covered by sections 38a-505, 38a-546 and 38a-551 to 38a-559, inclusive; and (14) any charge for services of a registered nurse who ordinarily resides in the covered individual's home, or who is a

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- member of the covered individual's family or the family of the covered individual's spouse.
- Sec. 31. Subsection (a) of section 19a-485 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):
- 1512 (a) Whenever the words "home for the aged" or "homes for the 1513 aged" are used or referred to in the following sections of the general 1514 statutes, the words "residential care home" or "residential care homes", 1515 respectively, shall be substituted in lieu thereof: 1-19, 9-19c, 9-19d, 9-1516 159q, 10a-178, 12-407, 12-412, 17b-340, 17b-341, 17b-344, 17b-352, as 1517 amended by this act, 17b-356, as amended by this act, 17b-522, 17b-601, 1518 19a-490, 19a-491, 19a-491a, 19a-504, 19a-521, 19a-521b, 19a-550, 19a-576, 1519 [19a-638, 19a-639,] 20-87a, 32-23d, 38a-493 and 38a-520.
- Sec. 32. Subsections (b) and (c) of section 19a-486a of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):
  - (b) Prior to any transaction described in subsection (a) of this section, the nonprofit hospital and the purchaser shall concurrently submit a [letter of intent] certificate of need determination letter as described in subsection (c) of section 19a-638, as amended by this act, to the commissioner and the Attorney General by serving it on them by certified mail, return receipt requested, or delivering it by hand to each office. Such letter of intent shall contain: (1) The name and address of the nonprofit hospital; (2) the name and address of the purchaser; (3) a brief description of the terms of the proposed agreement; and (4) the estimated capital expenditure, cost or value associated with the proposed agreement. The letter [of intent] shall be subject to disclosure pursuant to section 1-210.
    - (c) The commissioner and the Attorney General shall review the [letter of intent] <u>certificate of need determination letter</u>. The Attorney General shall determine whether the agreement requires approval pursuant to this chapter. If such approval is required, the

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commissioner and the Attorney General shall transmit to the purchaser and the nonprofit hospital an application form for approval pursuant to this chapter, unless the commissioner refuses to accept a filed or submitted [letter of intent as provided in section 19a-639e] certificate of need determination letter. Such application form shall require the following information: (1) The name and address of the nonprofit hospital; (2) the name and address of the purchaser; (3) a description of the terms of the proposed agreement; (4) copies of all contracts, agreements and memoranda of understanding relating to the proposed agreement; (5) a fairness evaluation by an independent person who is an expert in such agreements, that includes an analysis of each of the criteria set forth in section 19a-486c; (6) documentation that the nonprofit hospital exercised the due diligence required by subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 19a-486c, including disclosure of the terms of any other offers to transfer assets or operations or change control of operations received by the nonprofit hospital and the reason for rejection of such offers; and (7) such other information as the commissioner or the Attorney General deem necessary to their review pursuant to the provisions of sections 19a-486 to 19a-486f, inclusive, as amended by this act, and [sections 19a-637 to 19a-639, inclusive] chapter 368z. The application shall be subject to disclosure pursuant to section 1-210.

Sec. 33. Section 19a-486b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):

Not later than one hundred twenty days after the date of receipt of the completed application pursuant to subsection (d) of section 19a-486a, the Attorney General and the commissioner shall approve the application, with or without modification, or deny the application. The commissioner shall also determine, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 368z, whether to approve, with or without modification, or deny the application for a certificate of need that is part of the completed application. Notwithstanding the provisions of [sections 19a-638 and 19a-639] section 19a-639a, as amended by this act, the commissioner shall complete the decision on the application for a

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1573 certificate of need within the same time period as the completed 1574 application. Such one-hundred-twenty-day period may be extended by 1575 agreement of the Attorney General, the commissioner, the nonprofit 1576 hospital and the purchaser. If the Attorney General initiates a 1577 proceeding to enforce a subpoena pursuant to section 19a-486c or 19a-1578 486d, as amended by this act, the one-hundred-twenty-day period 1579 shall be tolled until the final court decision on the last pending 1580 enforcement proceeding, including any appeal or time for the filing of 1581 such appeal. Unless the one-hundred-twenty-day period is extended 1582 pursuant to this section, if the commissioner and Attorney General fail 1583 to take action on an agreement prior to the one-hundred-twenty-first 1584 day after the date of the filing of the completed application, the 1585 application shall be deemed approved.

Sec. 34. Subsection (a) of section 19a-486d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):

(a) The commissioner shall deny an application filed pursuant to subsection (d) of section 19a-486a unless the commissioner finds that: (1) The affected community will be assured of continued access to affordable health care; (2) in a situation where the asset or operation to be transferred provides or has provided health care services to the uninsured or underinsured, the purchaser has made a commitment to provide health care to the uninsured and the underinsured; (3) in a situation where health care providers or insurers will be offered the opportunity to invest or own an interest in the purchaser or an entity related to the purchaser safeguard procedures are in place to avoid a conflict of interest in patient referral; and (4) certificate of need authorization is justified in accordance with [sections 19a-637 to 19a-639, inclusive] chapter 368z. The commissioner may contract with any person, including, but not limited to, financial or actuarial experts or consultants, or legal experts with the approval of the Attorney General, to assist in reviewing the completed application. The commissioner shall submit any bills for such contracts to the purchaser. Such bills shall not exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars. The purchaser

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- shall pay such bills no later than thirty days after the date of receipt of such bills.
- Sec. 35. Section 19a-487a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):
- Any additional mobile field hospital beds and related equipment obtained for the purpose of enhancing the state's bed surge capacity or providing isolation care under the state's public health preparedness planning and response activities shall be exempt from the provisions of [subdivision (2) of] subsection (a) of section 19a-638, as amended by this act.
- Sec. 36. Section 19a-643 of the 2010 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):
  - (a) The Department of Public Health shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to carry out the provisions of sections 19a-630 to 19a-639e, inclusive, as amended by this act, and sections 19a-644, as amended by this act, and 19a-645, as amended by this act, concerning the submission of data by health care facilities and institutions, including data on dealings between health care facilities and institutions and their affiliates, and, with regard to requests or proposals pursuant to sections 19a-638 [and 19a-639] to 19a-639e, inclusive, as amended by this act, by state health care facilities and institutions, the ongoing inspections by the office of operating budgets that have been approved by the health care facilities and institutions, standard reporting forms and standard accounting procedures to be utilized by health care facilities and institutions and the transferability of line items in the approved operating budgets of the health care facilities and institutions, except that any health care facility or institution may transfer any amounts among items in its operating budget. All such transfers shall be reported to the office within thirty days of the transfer or transfers.
- 1638 (b) The Department of Public Health may adopt such regulations, in

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- accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, as are necessary to implement this chapter.
- 1641 (c) The regulations adopted by the Department of Public Health 1642 concerning requests or proposals pursuant to section 19a-639 shall 1643 include a fee schedule for certificate of need review under section 19a-1644 639. The fee schedule shall (1) contain a minimum filing fee for all 1645 applications under said section 19a-639, (2) be based on a percentage of 1646 the requested authorization in addition to the minimum filing fee, and 1647 (3) apply to new requests and requests for modification of prior 1648 decisions if the modification request has a proposed additional cost of 1649 one hundred thousand dollars or more beyond the original 1650 authorization amount, or if the modification request aggregated with 1651 any other prior modification requests totals one hundred thousand 1652 dollars or more. The fee schedule shall be reviewed annually and 1653 adjusted as necessary.]
- Sec. 37. Section 19a-681 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):
  - (a) Each hospital shall file with the office its current pricemaster which shall include each charge in its detailed schedule of charges.
  - (b) If the billing detail by line item on a patient bill does not agree with the detailed schedule of charges on file with the office for the date of service specified on the bill, the hospital shall be subject to a civil penalty of five hundred dollars per occurrence payable to the state not later than fourteen days after the date of notification. The penalty shall be imposed in accordance with [subsections (b) to (e), inclusive, of] section 19a-653, as amended by this act. The office may issue an order requiring such hospital, not later than fourteen days after the date of notification of an overcharge to a patient, to adjust the bill to be consistent with the schedule of charges on file with the office for the date of service specified on the patient bill.
- Sec. 38. Section 51-344b of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):

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1671 Whenever the term "judicial district of Hartford" is used or referred 1672 to in the following sections of the general statutes, the term "judicial 1673 district of New Britain" shall be substituted in lieu thereof: Subsection 1674 (b) of section 3-70a, sections 3-71a and 4-164, subsection (c) of section 4-1675 183, subdivision (4) of subsection (g) of section 10-153e, subparagraph 1676 (C) of subdivision (4) of subsection (e) of section 10a-109n, sections 12-1677 3a, 12-89, 12-103, 12-208, 12-237, 12-242hh, 12-242ii, 12-242kk, 12-268l, 1678 12-307, 12-312, 12-330m, 12-405k, 12-422, 12-448, 12-454, 12-463, 12-489, 1679 12-522, 12-554, 12-586g and 12-597, subsection (b) of section 12-638i, 1680 sections 12-730, 14-57, 14-66, 14-195, 14-324, 14-331 and 19a-85, 1681 subsection (f) of section 19a-332e, [subsection (d) of section 19a-653,] 1682 sections 20-156, 20-247, 20-307, 20-373, 20-583 and 21a-55, subsection 1683 (e) of section 22-7, sections 22-320d and 22-386, subsection (e) of section 1684 22a-6b, section 22a-30, subsection (a) of section 22a-34, subsection (b) of 1685 section 22a-34, section 22a-182a, subsection (f) of section 22a-225, 1686 sections 22a-227, 22a-344, 22a-374, 22a-408 and 22a-449g, subsection (f) 1687 of section 25-32e, section 29-158, subsection (f) of section 29-161z, 1688 sections 36b-30 and 36b-76, subsection (f) of section 38a-41, section 38a-1689 52, subsection (c) of section 38a-150, sections 38a-185, 38a-209 and 38a-1690 225, subdivision (3) of section 38a-226b, sections 38a-241, 38a-337 and 1691 38a-657, subsection (c) of section 38a-774, section 38a-776, subsection 1692 (c) of section 38a-817 and section 38a-994.

- Sec. 39. Subsections (b) to (d), inclusive, of section 33-182bb of the 2010 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):
  - (b) Any medical foundation organized on or after July 1, 2009, shall file a copy of its certificate of incorporation and any amendments to its certificate of incorporation with the Office of Health Care Access division of the Department of Public Health not later than ten business days after the medical foundation files such certificate of incorporation or amendment with the Secretary of the State pursuant to chapter 602.
- 1702 (c) Any medical group clinic corporation formed under chapter 594 1703 of the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to 1995, which amends

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- 1704 its certificate of incorporation pursuant to subsection (a) of section 33-1705 182cc, shall file with the Office of Health Care Access division of the 1706 Department of Public Health a copy of its certificate of incorporation 1707 and any amendments to its certificate of incorporation, including any 1708 amendment to its certificate of incorporation that complies with the 1709 requirements of subsection (a) of section 33-182cc, not later than ten 1710 business days after the medical foundation files its certificate of 1711 incorporation or any amendments to its certificate of incorporation 1712 with the Secretary of the State.
- 1713 (d) Any medical foundation, regardless of when organized, shall file 1714 notice with the Office of Health Care Access division of the 1715 Department of Public Health and the Secretary of the State of its liquidation, termination, dissolution or cessation of operations not later 1717 than ten business days after a vote by its board of directors or members to take such action. Not later than ten business days after 1719 receiving a written request from the [Office of Health Care Access] 1720 office, a medical foundation shall provide the Office of Health Care Access] office with a statement of its mission and a description of the 1722 services it provides, and a description of any significant change in its 1723 services during the preceding year as reported on the medical 1724 foundation's most recently filed Internal Revenue Service return of 1725 organization exempt from income tax form, or any replacement form 1726 adopted by the Internal Revenue Service.
  - Sec. 40. Subsection (d) of section 19a-644 of the 2010 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):
  - (d) The [Office of Health Care Access] office shall require each hospital licensed by the Department of Public Health, that is not subject to the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, to report to said office on its operations in the preceding fiscal year by filing copies of the hospital's audited financial statements. Such report shall be due at [said] the office on or before the close of business on the last business day of the fifth month following the month in which a

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- 1737 hospital's fiscal year ends.
- Sec. 41. Section 19a-673c of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):
- 1740 On or before March 1, 2004, and annually thereafter, each hospital 1741 shall file with the [Office of Health Care Access] office a debt collection 1742 report that includes (1) whether the hospital uses a collection agent, as 1743 defined in section 19a-509b, to assist with debt collection, (2) the name 1744 of any collection agent used, (3) the hospital's processes and policies 1745 for assigning a debt to a collection agent and for compensating such 1746 collection agent for services rendered, and (4) the recovery rate on 1747 accounts assigned to collection agents, exclusive of Medicare accounts, 1748 in the most recent hospital fiscal year.
  - Sec. 42. Subsection (a) of section 19a-25h of the 2010 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):
    - (a) There is established a health information technology and exchange advisory committee. The committee shall consist of twelve members as follows: The Lieutenant Governor; three appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be a representative of a medical research organization, one of whom shall be an insurer or representative of a health plan, and one of whom shall be an attorney with background and experience in the field of privacy, health data security or patient rights; two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one of whom shall have background and experience with a private sector health information exchange or health information technology entity, and one of whom shall have expertise in public health; two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be a representative of hospitals, an integrated delivery network or a hospital association, and one of whom who shall have expertise with federally qualified health centers; one appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be a primary care physician whose practice utilizes electronic health records; one appointed by the majority leader

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- advocate; one appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who
- shall have background and experience as a pharmacist or other health
- 1772 care provider that utilizes electronic health information exchange; and
- one appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives,
- 1774 who shall be a large employer or a representative of a business group.
- 1775 The Commissioners of Public Health, Social Services [,] and Consumer
- 1776 Protection, [and the Office of Health Care Access,] the Chief
- 1777 Information Officer, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
- 1778 Management and the Healthcare Advocate, or their designees, shall be
- 1779 ex-officio, nonvoting members of the committee.
- 1780 Sec. 43. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 19a-673 of the
- general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
- 1782 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):
- 1783 (1) "Cost of providing services" means a hospital's published
- charges at the time of billing, multiplied by the hospital's most recent
- 1785 relationship of costs to charges as taken from the hospital's most
- 1786 recently available annual financial filing with the [Office of Health
- 1787 Care Access] office.
- 1788 Sec. 44. Section 19a-669 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):
- 1790 Effective October 1, 1993, and October first of each subsequent year,
- the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall determine
- and inform the [Office of Health Care Access] office of the maximum
- amount of disproportionate share payments and emergency assistance
- 1794 to families eligible for federal matching payments under the medical
- 1795 assistance program pursuant to federal statute and regulations and
- 1796 subdivisions (2) and (28) of subsection (a) of section 12-407,
- subdivision (1) of section 12-408, subdivision (5) of section 12-412,
- section 12-414, section 19a-649 and this section and the actual and
- anticipated appropriation to the medical assistance disproportionate
- share-emergency assistance account authorized pursuant to sections 3-

1801 114i and 12-263a to 12-263e, inclusive, as amended by this act, 1802 subdivisions (2) and (29) of subsection (a) of section 12-407, 1803 subdivision (1) of section 12-408, section 12-408a, subdivision (5) of 1804 section 12-412, subdivision (1) of section 12-414 and sections 19a-646, 1805 19a-659, 19a-662, 19a-669 to 19a-670a, inclusive, as amended by this act, 1806 19a-671, 19a-671a, 19a-672, 19a-672a, 19a-673, as amended by this act, 1807 and 19a-676, and the amount of emergency assistance to families' 1808 payments to eligible hospitals projected for the year, and the 1809 anticipated amount of any increase in payments made pursuant to any 1810 resolution of any civil action pending on April 1, 1994, in the United 1811 States district court for the district of Connecticut. The Department of 1812 Social Services shall inform the office of any amount of 1813 uncompensated care which the Department of Social Services 1814 determines is due to a failure on the part of the hospital to register 1815 patients for emergency assistance to families, or a failure to bill 1816 properly for emergency assistance to families' patients. If during the 1817 course of a fiscal year the Secretary of the Office of Policy and 1818 Management determines that these amounts should be revised, said 1819 secretary shall so notify the office and the office may modify its 1820 calculation pursuant to section 19a-671 to reflect such revision and its 1821 orders as it deems appropriate and the Commissioner of Social 1822 Services may modify said commissioner's determination pursuant to 1823 section 19a-671.

- Sec. 45. Subsection (b) of section 19a-122c of the 2010 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):
- (b) On or before September 30, 2011, such pilot program shall comply with the provisions of sections 19a-638, as amended by this act, and [19a-639] 19a-639a, as amended by this act.
- Sec. 46. Sections 19a-2b and 19a-637a of the general statutes are repealed. (*Effective October 1, 2010*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:			
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Section 1	October 1, 2010	19a-630	
Sec. 2	October 1, 2010	19a-630a	
Sec. 3	October 1, 2010	19a-634	
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Sec. 5	October 1, 2010	19a-638	
Sec. 6	October 1, 2010	19a-639	
Sec. 7	October 1, 2010	19a-639a	
Sec. 8	October 1, 2010	19a-639b	
Sec. 9	October 1, 2010	19a-639c	
Sec. 10	October 1, 2010	19a-639e	
Sec. 11	October 1, 2010	19a-653	
Sec. 12	October 1, 2010	4-67x(a)	
Sec. 13	October 1, 2010	12-263a(4) and (5)	
Sec. 14	October 1, 2010	17a-22j(b)(11)	
Sec. 15	October 1, 2010	17a-678	
Sec. 16	October 1, 2010	17b-234	
Sec. 17	October 1, 2010	17b-240	
Sec. 18	October 1, 2010	17b-352(g)	
Sec. 19	October 1, 2010	17b-353(a)	
Sec. 20	October 1, 2010	17b-353(e)	
Sec. 21	October 1, 2010	17b-354(j)	
Sec. 22	October 1, 2010	17b-356	
Sec. 23	October 1, 2010	19a-7(b)	
Sec. 24	October 1, 2010	19a-493b(b) and (c)	
Sec. 25	October 1, 2010	19a-499(a)	
Sec. 26	October 1, 2010	19a-509b(c)	
Sec. 27	October 1, 2010	4-101a	
Sec. 28	October 1, 2010	19a-645	
Sec. 29	October 1, 2010	19a-654	
Sec. 30	October 1, 2010	38a-553(c)	
Sec. 31	October 1, 2010	19a-485(a)	
Sec. 32	October 1, 2010	19a-486a(b) and (c)	
Sec. 33	October 1, 2010	19a-486b	
Sec. 34	October 1, 2010	19a-486d(a)	
Sec. 35	October 1, 2010	19a-487a	
Sec. 36	October 1, 2010	19a-643	
Sec. 37	October 1, 2010	19a-681	

Sec. 38	October 1, 2010	51-344b
Sec. 39	October 1, 2010	33-182bb(b) to (d)
Sec. 40	October 1, 2010	19a-644(d)
Sec. 41	October 1, 2010	19a-673c
Sec. 42	October 1, 2010	19a-25h(a)
Sec. 43	October 1, 2010	19a-673(a)(1)
Sec. 44	October 1, 2010	19a-669
Sec. 45	October 1, 2010	19a-122c(b)
Sec. 46	October 1, 2010	Repealer section

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